without conceding the correctness of the aforementioned rejections, and strictly to advance this case to an earlier allowance. Accordingly, the § 102 and § 103 rejections are believed to be moot, and Applicant therefore requests reconsideration and withdrawal of such rejections.

Finally, Applicant submits herewith a sworn translation of the Japanese priority document from which the subject application claims priority, as stated at page 5 of the Amendment dated December 5, 2001. The sworn translation is submitted merely for completeness, since the rejection over Manglapus was not repeated, and since the claims rejected over Manglapus have been cancelled.

No other matters being raised, it is believed that the entire application is fully in condition for allowance, and such action is courteously solicited.

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1. through 9. (Cancelled)

10.   (Amended) An image processing method which is applied to a server

capable of being connected to an image forming unit having a calibration function to obtain

correction data by forming and measuring a patch and plural clients through a network, said

method comprising:

an obtaining step, of obtaining the correction data automatically obtained by the

calibration function of the image forming unit by performing communication with the image

forming unit, <u>wherein said correction data of the image forming unit is asynchronous with</u>

<u>respect to a time at which the printing job is received from the client</u>;

a receiving step, of receiving a printing job from the client;

a correcting step, of performing a correction process on image data included in the

printing job, by using the correction data obtained by the calibration function of the image

forming unit; and

an outputting step, of outputting the image data corrected in said correcting step to

the image forming unit.

11.   (Cancelled)

12.   (Cancelled)

13.   (Amended) A storage medium which computer-readably stores a program

to achieve an image processing method which is applied to a server capable of being connected

to an image forming unit having a calibration function to obtain correction data by forming and

measuring a patch and plural clients through a network, said method comprising:

an obtaining step, of obtaining the correction data automatically obtained by the

calibration function of the image forming unit by performing communication with the image

forming unit, wherein said correction data of the image forming unit is asynchronous with

respect to a time at which the printing job is received from the client;

a receiving step, of receiving a printing job from the client;

a correcting step, of performing a correction process on image data included in the

printing job, by using the correction data obtained by the calibration function of the image

forming unit; and

an outputting step, of outputting the image data corrected in said correcting step to

the image forming unit.

14.   (Amended) A computer-readable program to achieve an image processing

method which is applied to a server capable of being connected to an image forming unit having

a calibration function to obtain correction data by forming and measuring a patch tend plural

clients through a network, said program comprising:

an obtaining module that obtains the correction data automatically obtained by the calibration function of the image forming unit by performing communication with the image forming unit, wherein said correction data of the image forming unit is asynchronous with respect to a time at which the printing job is received from the client;

a receiving module that receives a printing job from the client;

a correcting module that performs a correction process on image data included in the printing job, by using the correction data obtained by the calibration function of the image forming unit; and

an outputting module that outputs the image data corrected by said correcting module to the image forming unit.

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